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Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The point is this. The question is circulated to us only a day in advance. To refer then to the *Fort St. George Gazette* of a certain date is a difficult matter. That is why we request that when such questions are answered, the subject to which the question relates may be explained by the Hon. Minister himself. Otherwise, the proceedings will not be interesting."

Government Textile Institute, Madras.

* 50 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students are studying in the Government Textile Institute, Madras;

(*b*) how many of them are Malayalees and Kanarese; and

(*c*) how many demonstrators there are in the institute languagewar?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Ninety-seven students are studying in the Government Textile Institute.

" (*b*) Three of them are Malayalees and four Kanarese.

" (*c*) There are seven Tamil demonstrators and three Telugu demonstrators."

Sri W. J. FERNANDEZ :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that students are being trained in uneconomic methods of production of cloth which sort of training does not enable them to earn a living and that as such, the expenditure incurred is a waste of public funds? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I know the hon. Member is a very harsh critic of this Institute, but I would suggest to him to give notice of a separate question with regard to this matter."

Loss sustained by the Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited, due to mal-administration.

* 51 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the security deposit of Rs. 5,000 of one Mr. Sundaram Pillai, ex-secretary of Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Limited, was recommended to be withheld or forfeited by the auditor, in order to compensate the loss sustained by the bank by his indiscriminate issue of loans, subsequently found to be irrecoverable;

(*b*) whether the then Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies was transferred by the Registrar from Tirunelveli, as he was not amenable for suppression of the auditor's report; and

(*c*) whether subsequently a fresh audit report was prepared or the original report was revised, exonerating Mr. Sundaram Pillai from all liability and responsibility?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Sri Sundaram Pillai, the ex-secretary of the Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank had furnished a security deposit of only Rs. 1,000. None of the Auditors in their reports had suggested or recommended that this deposit should be withheld or forfeited towards the loss sustained by the bank. When settling the claims of the ex-Secretary, the Board of Directors of the Bank sanctioned the refund of this security deposit.

" (b) The Deputy Registrar (Sri R. S. Subramaniam Pillai) was transferred in the usual course. There was no intention to suppress any audit report.

" (c) No, Sir."

* 52 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. R. S. Subramania Pillai, the then Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies at Tuticorin, reported to the Registrar about his intention to take criminal proceedings against the President, ex-President, Directors and Secretary of Tuticorin Co-operative Urban Bank, Ltd., in 1951;

(b) whether the Registrar gave such permission and whether any proceedings were taken against the President, Directors, etc., and if not, why;

(c) whether the Registrar camped at Tirunelveli, caused the then Secretary, Mr. Sundaram Pillai, to resign his job, and appointed one Mr. A. Madalaimuthu Udayar in his place; and

(d) whether the said Mr. Madalaimuthu Udayar was asked to work under the direct supervision of the Registrar and not under the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies; and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) The Registrar often camped at Tirunelveli in the usual course. He did not cause Sri Sundaram Pillai, the then Secretary of the Society to resign his job. He lent Sri Madalaimuthu Udayar to the Society only at the request of the Directors of the Bank.

" (d) The answer to the first part of the question is 'No'. The second part of the question does not therefore arise."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" With reference to question No. 51, is the Hon. Minister aware of the article in the 'Hindu Mathabimanam', a Tamil monthly which contained the allegations? Was any investigation made into those allegations by the Department and the Registrar?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be given notice of."